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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of **Richard A. Jewell**, of Bellevue, Washington, and **Julie A. Reimer**, of Seattle, Washington, entitled **METHOD FOR PRODUCING CELLULOSE FIBER HAVING IMPROVED BIOSTABILITY AND THE RESULTING PRODUCTS**.

- X 1. This application is a divisional of prior Application No. 10/228,815, filed August 27, 2002, which is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/838,947, filed April 19, 2001, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/199,344, filed April 24, 2000, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- X 2. An application consisting of 16 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, is attached.
- X 3. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment to the priority Continuation Application consisting of 4 pages, and an original Preliminary Amendment to the instant Divisional Application consisting of 5 pages, are attached.
- X 4. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation or divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]
- X i. The entire disclosure of the prior applications, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
- X 5. The prior application was assigned by an Assignment recorded at Reel 011745/Frame 0627.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	
Basic Fee						750
Total Claims	10 - 20	=	0	x	18	= 0

